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SUBJECT:OVERVIEW OF SECRETARY'S TRIP AND FOLLOW-UP TO IT.

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ROGERS.

1. I WOULD LIKE EACH OF YOU IN COUNTRIES THAT WERE VISITED BY SECRETARY (PLUS ALL OF CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES) TO SEND ME A TERSE OVERVIEW BY COB MARCH 18. AIM FOR 1 OR 2 PAGES. IN YOUR CABLE, SKIP THE SOFT SOAP AND TELL US WHAT YOU THINK THE REAL IMPACT OF THE TRIP WAS AND WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR US. DO NOT USE THIS REPORT FOR A DETAILED LIST OF STEPS WE SHALL HAVE TO TAKE, BUT NOTE THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTION CONSEQUENCES, WHETHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE. TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BOTH THE IMPACT ON AND EXPECTATIONS OF PUBLIC OPINION AS WELL AS OFFICIAL LEADERS, AGAIN STRESSING ONLY THE MAIN POINTS. BEAR IN MIND THAT THE MONTHS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY'S TRIP AND THE OASGA IN JUNE ARE THE

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OCCASION FOR INTENSIVE WORK ON FOLLOW-UP HERE. WE WANT

YOUR COMMENTS IN THIS LIGHT.

2. YOU SHOULD ADDRESS QUESTIONS LIKE THESE:

- IS THERE GRAVE CONCERN OVER A "U.S./BRAZIL AXIS"?
- WHERE DO WE STAND ON CUBAN INTERVENTIONISM?
- HOW MUCH IS EXPECTED AND WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO TO REMAIN CREDIBLE?

3. POSTS NOT VISITED BY THE SECRETARY MAY ALSO HAVE A USEFUL OVERVIEW FOR US, BUT RESPONSE IS OPTIONAL. RESPONSES FROM COUNTRIES NOT VISITED SHOULD ALSO BE BRIEF. WE ARE LOOKING FOR QUALITY OF INSIGHT; NOT A CATALOGUE.

4. IF WE CAN GET ENOUGH OUT OF THIS EXERCISE, WE WOULD LIKE TO SYNTHESIZE YOUR COMMENTS AND GET THEM TO THE SECRETARY. INGERSOLL

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